



**Purchasing Supply Agreement
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 30
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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a 12-month supply agreement with HERRMANN'S FISH FARM, Robstown, TX, for grass carp for the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department in an amount not to exceed \$48,320, with one 12-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$48,320, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$96,640.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$44,293 is available in the Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Amended Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department. Funding for the remaining one month of the original contract period and extension option is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

REQUESTING Purchasing **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT: for Watershed Protection and Development Review; **AUTHORIZATION:** Vickie Schubert

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: R. C. Hernandez, Senior Buyer, 974-6434

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Lowest bid meeting specifications of two bids received.

MBE / WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9 of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This supply agreement will provide for the introduction of additional sterile grass carp as part of an ongoing integrated management strategy for Lake Austin to control hydrilla, an exotic nuisance plant. The plan, developed by the City, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), Lower Colorado River Authority, and Friends of Lake Austin was first initiated in 2003. It utilizes all appropriate control options, including incremental stocking of sterile grass carp, winter draw downs of the lake and controlling hydrilla near the lake's surface by either harvesting and/or with the use of herbicides. The City has stocked approximately 5,700 fish under its existing TPWD permit for 6,400 fish. Additional fish will be stocked based on increases in hydrilla as documented by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's vegetation surveys throughout 2004-2005.

Hydrilla in Lake Austin reached a peak of 320 acres in May 2002. Soon after that, a major flood event removed approximately 100 acres of growth from the lake. Grass carp stocking began in February 2003, and although overall hydrilla coverage has not declined, some areas have shown significant improvement in the control of hydrilla, such as the areas around Loop 360 and Emma Long Metropolitan Park. However, there is still a persistent infestation in the area around Commons Ford. The colder water in the upper end of the lake results in a reduction in the feeding rate of the fish.



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The most recent TPWD survey (September 2004) documented 240 acres of hydrilla, which is a 20% increase over the 200 acres found in mid July. Using guidance from the management plan, all partners agreed to stock an additional 10 fish/acre, or 2400 carp. This number of fish exceeds the existing permit limits, and TPWD has indicated they will approve the City's pending permit application for 6,400 additional fish to allow for this stocking and future stocking as needed based on any increases in hydrilla.

MBE/WBE Sent: 0/0

MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

Grass Carp
(6,400 Qty)
IFB NO. RH04100081

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
HERRMANN'S FISH FARM ROBSTOWN, TX	\$7.55	\$48,320
Danbury Fish Farms, Inc. Danbury, TX	\$5.95	\$38,080*

*Did not meet specifications. Vendor is unable to meet the delivery schedule as required by the solicitation.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- Adequate Competition.
- Eighteen notices were sent no MBE/WBEs listed under this commodity. Eight bids were issued no MBE/WBEs. Two bids were received.
- The previous contract awarded in February 2003, unit price of \$6.55; new contract unit price bid of \$7.55. This represents an approximate increase of 15% due to delivery requirements.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- Low bidder meeting specification.
- Watershed, Protection and Development Review Department concurs with the recommended award herein.
- Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and Internet.

CIP BUDGET FISCAL NOTE

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

28-Oct-04

WHERE ON AGENDA:

Resolution not required

DEPARTMENT:

Watershed Protection & Development Review

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Project Name:	Lake Austin Restoration
Project Authorization:	2002-2003 Amended Capital Budget
Funding Source:	2003 Drainage Utility Fund
Fund/Agency/Orgn:	4850-617-5018

Total Current Appropriation	\$200,000.00
Unencumbered Balance	\$161,180.00
Amount of this Action	<u>(\$44,293.00)</u>
Estimated Available	<u><u>\$116,887.00</u></u>

Financial Approval: _____

Date: 10/03/04